

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Birk et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/562,954)
Filing Date: December 30, 2005) Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
10 For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING) Confirmation No.: 8688
SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE) Customer No.: 51957
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM

20 Dear Sir:

Please note the amendment to the priority claim below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

25 **Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.